DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION





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The **State Board of Education** was first provided for in the Constitution of 1850 and currently exists through the provisions of article VIII, section 3, of the Constitution of 1963. The state board is composed of **8 members** nominated by party conventions and elected at-large for terms of 8 years, with 2 members being elected at each biennial state general election. The governor is authorized to fill vacancies on the state board and also serves as an ex officio member of the state board, without the right to vote. The superintendent of public instruction is appointed by the board for a term to be determined by the board, to serve as its chairperson, without the right to vote.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

	Term expires
JOHN C. Austin, Ann Arbor	. Jan. 1, 2009
ELIZABETH W. BAUER, Birmingham	. Jan. 1, 2011
CAROLYN L. CURTIN, Evart (Secretary)	. Jan. 1, 2011
MARIANNE YARED McGuire, Detroit (NASBE Delegate)	. Jan. 1, 2005
HERBERT S. MOYER, Temperance (Vice President)	. Jan. 1, 2005
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS, Detroit (President)	. Jan. 1, 2009
REGINALD M. TURNER, Detroit	. Jan. 1, 2007
EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER, Ann Arbor	. Jan. 1, 2007

ex officio

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, Governor THOMAS D. WATKINS, Jr., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chairperson

Michigan State Board of Education

The State Board of Education exercises its **constitutional duties** of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. The State Board of Education advises the legislature on the financial requirements of baccalaureate degree-granting institutions.

The *Office of the State Board of Education* is responsible for supervising, managing, and coordinating all activities of the State Board of Education, including policy development, operations, and communications.

The *Administrative Secretary* to the State Board of Education is responsible as the legal repository of all State Board of Education and department activities and records. The Administrative Secretary prepares all State Board of Education correspondence, expenses, budget, and scheduling; and prepares all State Board of Education meeting agendas, minutes, and follow-up materials.

The State Board of Education's Strategic Goal for 2003-2004 is to attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students with primary emphasis on chronically underperforming schools and students.

Department of Education

The Department of Education, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, carries out the policies of the State Board of Education. The Department implements federal and state legislative mandates in education.

The **Superintendent of Public Instruction** is appointed by and responsible to the State Board of Education. The Superintendent is the principal executive officer of the Department of Education and is a member of the State Administrative Board. The Superintendent is the chair and a nonvoting member of the State Board of Education. The Superintendent also serves on the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, the Michigan State Safety Commission, and the State Board for Public Community Colleges. He is an ex officio member of the State Tenure Commission.

As the principal executive officer of the Department of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is responsible for assisting the State Board of Education in advising the legislature regarding the financial needs of schools and administering the State School Aid Act. The Superintendent is responsible for the day-to-day management, supervision, and leadership of the Department. Major departmental responsibilities include: certification of educators and providing technical assistance to schools in the areas of instruction, special education, grants, transportation, and food programs. The Department also operates the Michigan Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Flint.

The **Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction** includes the Chief Academic Officer, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative and Support Services and the Chief of Staff/ Director of Communications. The Office also includes an Assistant Superintendent who acts as the Department's liaison with the state legislature, supervises the Internal Auditor function and the Customer Satisfaction function; and an Assistant Superintendent who works with safe schools issues, supervises the Administrative Law function, and acts as the Department's liaison with the Michigan Department of Corrections to facilitate educational and vocational training.

STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (SICC)

SICC Chairperson	Term expires
Angus Miller	Sept. 2004
Parents	
KEITH ALEXANDER	Sept. 2005
Tamara Nelson	Sept. 2004
CINDY LOU POEHLMAN	Sept. 2003
LANCE SCHUHMACHER	
LEON TABLER	Sept. 2003
Public and Private Providers	
KATHLEEN AL-RUBAIY	Sept. 2003
Sr. Barbara Cline	
MICHAEL MCCARTAN	Sept. 2004
ED RYAN. Alternate	
JOHANNA OSTWALD	Sept. 2004
Connie Cullip, Alternate	
CINDY LOU POEHLMAN	Sept. 2003
Mary Podjan, Alternate	
LANCE SCHUHMACHER	Sept. 2003
Sue Patrias, Alternate	g . 0000
LEON TABLER.	Sept. 2003

STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (SICC) (Cont.)

Insurance Bureau	Term expires	
JOAN MOILES, Department of Consumer and Industry Services JOHN GARDNER, Alternate	Sept. 2002	
Community Health		
SHERI FALVAY	•	
Douglas Paterson	Sept. 2004	
Child Care Providers		
VACANCY		
Head Start		
LINDA GEORGE	Sept. 2003	
Native Americans		
VACANCY		
Personnel Preparation		
MARK LARSON, Ph.D	Sept. 2003	
Special Education		
DAVID BROCK	Sept. 2002	
Family Independence Agency		
JOHN EVANS	Sept. 2005	
Consumer and Industry Services		
CAROL HAKALA ENGLE	Sept. 2003	
Lead Agency, Michigan Department of Educa	ation	
CAROL WOLENBERGLINDY BUCH, Alternate		
Michigan Legislature		
Laura M. Toy	Sept. 2004	

ex officio

ROBBIE JAMESON, Department of Management and Budget

The State Interagency Coordinating Council was created by Executive Order No. 1992-21 and the Department of Education was designated as the lead agency to supervise the development and coordination of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, birth to age 2, and their families.

Twenty percent of the council members are parents of infants and toddlers or parents of children age 12 or younger with disabilities. At least 20% of the members are public or private providers of early intervention services to children with disabilities.

The members are appointed by the governor and serve 3-year terms.

MICHIGAN SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Michigan Education Association	Term expires
RIC HOGERHEIDE	June 30, 2004
Michigan Association for Children With Emotional Disorders	
Nancy Jackson.	June 30, 2004
Michigan Association of School Social Workers	
STEVE SCHWARTZ	June 30, 2005
Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	
Pam Mish	June 30, 2004
Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	
DON SPENCER	*
Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Associ	
SUE KABIDOUX	
Special Education Supervisors of Michig	
DEBORAH SMITH	June 30, 2005
Michigan Association of School Administrators	
	June 30, 2004
Learning Disabilities Association of Mich	_
ELAINE HIGH	June 30, 2005
Autism Society of Michigan	
ROBERT OPSOMMER	June 30, 2003
ARC/Michigan	1 00 0000
PATT CLEMENT	
Statewide Parent Advisory Committee COLETTE WARD	
	Julie 30, 2003
Council for Exceptional Children Laurie VanderPloeg	June 30, 2003
Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Educa	
PATRICIA KELLER	
Michigan Association of	
Intermediate Special Education Administra	ators
DON TRAP	June 30, 2003
Michigan Association of Teachers of Emotionally Disturbed Children	
STEVE WESSELS	June 30, 2003
Michigan Federation of Teachers	
GINNY PALUBIN	June 30, 2003
Michigan Association of School Board	s
DEB RUSSELL	
Michigan Association of Public School Acad	
JIM KUBAIKO	June 30, 2004

MICHIGAN SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC) (Cont.)

JILL JACOBS	Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	Term expiresJune 30, 2004
Michigan Transition Services Association		
PEGGY McNeilly		June 30, 2003
General Public		
PANSY COLEMAN		July 30, 2003Aug. 30, 2003Sept. 30, 2003Oct. 30, 2003Nov. 30, 2003Dec. 30, 2003

ex officio

Vacancy, Department of Corrections
Jacquelyn Thompson, Department of Education
Craig Sparks, Family Independence Agency
Sheri Falvay, Department of Community Health
Mark Larson, Institutions of Higher Education
Roseanne Renauer, Department of Career Development

The State Board of Education appoints a **Special Education Advisory Committee** which provides advice to the board on matters pertaining to special education. The Michigan Special Education Advisory Committee was created by Act 154 of 1966. In compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended in 1997, the Special Education Advisory Committee currently has 30 members, thus ensuring the requisite representation of stakeholders.

STATE BOARD FOR PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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	Term expires
LEWIS E. DRISKELL, SR	. Jan. 31, 2007
DAVID W. HACKETT	. Jan. 31, 2005
CAROL S. MACK	. Jan. 31, 2007
Vernis L. Schad (Secretary)	. Jan. 31, 2005
VACANCY	
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ex officio

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The State Board of Education, in article VIII, section 7, of the Constitution of 1963, is authorized to appoint a **State Board for Public Community Colleges**. This body consists of 8 members who serve 8-year terms and advise the State Board of Education concerning the general supervision and planning for community and junior colleges and annual appropriations necessary for their support.

STATE TENURE COMMISSION

School District Boards of Education	Term expires
CAROL KLENOW, Shelby Township	. Aug. 31, 2003
Classroom Instructors	
Frances K. Sinelli, Muskegon	. Aug. 31, 2005
School District Superintendents	
CHARLES S. Andrews, Marysville	. Aug. 31, 2004
General Public	
James M. Cameron, Ann Arbor	. Aug. 31, 2006
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The State Tenure Commission was created by Act 4 of the Extra Session of 1937. The commission renders decisions on appeals by teachers who contest decisions made by their local school boards concerning their tenure rights.

The 5 members of the commission are appointed by the governor for 5-year terms. Upon expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.